

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1697–S1740*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2151–2157, S. Res. 395–398, and S. Con. Res. 34. **Pages S1730–31**

#### Measures Passed:

***Philippines Charitable Giving Assistance Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 3771, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. **Page S1706**

Subsequently, Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1821, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. **Page S1706**

***Cooperative and Small Employer Charity Pension Flexibility Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 4275, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans. **Page S1710**

***National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 396, designating March 25, 2014, as “National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day”. **Pages S1739–40**

***Public Service Recognition Week:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 397, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week. **Pages S1739–40**

***Authorizing Production of Records:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 398, to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Pages S1739–40**

#### Measures Considered:

**Support for the Sovereignty, Integrity, Democracy, and Economic Stability of Ukraine Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the

motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2124, to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to proceed be withdrawn.

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**Ukraine Loan Guarantees—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 4152, to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid (for Menendez/Corker) Amendment No. 2867, to provide a complete substitute. **Page S1720**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that no other amendments be in order; that no points of order or motions be in order other than budget points of order and the applicable motions to waive; that following morning business on Thursday, March 27, 2014, there be two hours of debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to a vote on or in relation to Reid (for Menendez/Corker) Amendment No. 2867 (listed above); that upon disposition of Reid (for Menendez/Corker) Amendment No. 2867, the bill be read a third time and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended. **Pages S1719–20**

**Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3979, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **Page S1720**

**Cooper, Harpool, McHugh, Smith, and Westphal Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Christopher Reid Cooper, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, M. Douglas Harpool, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, Gerald Austin

McHugh, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Edward G. Smith, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; that if cloture is invoked on any of these nominations, the time until 2:30 p.m. be equally divided between the Leaders, or their designees, and that at 2:30 p.m., all post-cloture time be expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order upon which cloture was invoked; that following Senate action on these nominations, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Joseph William Westphal, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Department of State; and that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote and all roll call votes after the first vote in each sequence be 10 minutes in length.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1740.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Robert A. Petzel, Under Secretary for Health, Allison A. Hickey, Under Secretary for Benefits, Steven L. Muro, Under

Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Stephen Warren, Executive in Charge for Information and Technology, and Helen Tierney, Executive in Charge for the Office of Management and Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### APPROPRIATIONS: UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE, SENATE SERGEANT AT ARMS, AND THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the United States Capitol Police, the Senate Sergeant at Arms, and the Secretary of the Senate, after receiving testimony from Kim C. Dine, Chief of Police, United States Capitol Police; Terrance W. Gainer, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; and Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the Senate.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command, and General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA, Commander, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea, both of the Department of Defense.

### MAINTAINING U.S. MILITARY TECHNOLOGY SUPERIORITY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities received a closed briefing on challenges to maintaining United States military technology superiority from Frank Kendall III, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, and Alan R. Shaffer, Acting Assistant Secretary for Research and Engineering, both of the Department of Defense.

### IMPORTING ENERGY AND EXPORTING JOBS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine importing energy and exporting jobs, after receiving testimony from Adam Sieminski, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Jaroslav Neverovic, The Republic of Lithuania Minister of Energy, Vilnius; and W. David Montgomery, NERA Economic Consulting, David L. Goldwyn, Brookings Institution, and Edward C. Chow, Center